



The Zimmerman Update

Technology the EZ Way!

Come See!

Open House will be on Monday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m. Come eat and get a tour of the new school!

New School New Computers!



Hardin-Jefferson High School/Photo by Ellen Zimmerman

Welcome to the new high school! Even after a hurricane we still made it in before classes started! The building has two stories, three computer labs and "pods" with computers between classrooms. There is a large library with room to sit and read or do research using books and computers. The cafeteria has three lines and plenty of tables. It also doubles as the meeting area with a stage for special events. There are two gymnasiums. One for competitions and one for practice with conveniently located locker rooms for boys and girls.

Classrooms are arranged with subjects next to each other. Science and math are upstairs, social studies, English, Spanish and computer classes are downstairs. Our computer classroom have 24 large Mac computers with Microsoft Office for Mac along with software for easy photo and video creation, music and a number of other soft-



Photo by Ellen Zimmerman



Look at This!
Find assignments
and student work
samples on the
classroom Web-
site at www.ezimmerman.us



Classroom Website www.ezimmerman.us

This year we will be using the classroom Website to access assignments and find instructions. The Website can be accessed through the school and my classroom link or directly at www.ezimmerman.us.

If a student is absent he or she should use the Website to find out what work they missed. (For excused absences you have as many days as you were excused to make up your assign-

ments.)

Student work samples will be posted periodically providing the Permission to Publish form has been received. (Forms were distributed the first day of school. Additional forms are available for changes, if needed.)

Common data formats have been used on the Website and should work on most computers, Mac or Windows.

Business Computer Information Systems (BCIS I)

Business Computer Information Systems is a class that teaches students computer skills for the work force. Students will learn about the Mac computer, Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac software which includes Word, Excel and PowerPoint along with a variety of additional software that comes standard on a Mac computer.

Examples of the Mac standard software include music editing and creating software, photo organizing and editing software, video production and editing software that lets you create slideshows. Also included is the well known iTunes music organizing software. iTunes files can be "synced" to iPods for study purposes.

Business Information Management and Multimedia (BIMM) and Video Technology



BIMM and Video Technology students will be creating videos using the new Mac computers and some very sophisticated software including Final Cut Pro, Photoshop, Directors Boards, LiveType and a variety of additional programs used for teleprompting, thought mapping and editing of photos and video. We will also learn a lot about video formats and converting

files for use in a variety of situations.

Our Hawk Tawk broadcasts have just started and will be posted on the Website as long as all of the appropriate release have been received.

If you need a flash drive you can purchase a 4 gigabyte for \$10.00 from Mrs. Zimmerman. Don't forget that your green screen videos are due November 12th!



Business Professionals of America (BPA)

Business Professionals of America will be completing sign ups this month. Come to our meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:35 in room 135 to find out what BPA has to offer. There are categories of competitions that range from business and office procedures, computer programming and repair to PowerPoint presentations and interviewing skills. Our school has a excellent record of

going to state every year! This year regional's will be held in Denton and state will be in Dallas! If we advance past state, we get to go to California! If you sign up now, our annual fund raiser is still going on and you can raise money to help the organization compete. Our candle are easy to sell. Most customers order every year! If you have already signed up, be sure to pick up your fund raising supplies.



United Interscholastic League (UIL)

United Interscholastic League is an organization that promotes competitions between schools to improve skills in a variety of areas. In addition to sports categories, the academic competitions include topics such as English topics like spelling, math subjects like number sense, one act play competitions, computer programming skills, accounting and computer application skills.

Our classes will have a team of three students and one alternate that compete in Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access. Practices begin in October and continue through out the competition year.

Look for more information about the dates to be posted soon. If you have any question, contact Mrs. Zimmerman in room 135 or Mrs. Nolte in room 120.



Important Classroom Deadlines

BCIS I Deadlines

Second Nine-Weeks Project First Check due November 16th
Second Nine-Weeks Project Final Product due December 10th

BIMM/Video Technology Deadlines

Group 2 Hawk Tawk Video due November 6th
Everyone's About Me Video is due November 6th
Group 1 Hawk Tawk Video due November 13th
Group 2 Hawk Tawk Video due November 20th
Group 1 Hawk Tawk Video due December 4th (Adjusted for the holiday.)



Important Information

All legal notices for Hardin-Jefferson Independent School District (i.e. school board meetings, elections, etc.) will be posted at least 72 hours in advance of the event in the following locations:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H-J Administration Building • Hardin-Jefferson High School • Henderson Middle School • Sour Lake Elementary School • China Elementary School • H-J Transportation Building • Gulf Coast Special Education Co-op • Hardin County Newspaper | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Halls of Sour Lake, China and Nome <p>Some special events are also posted in the Beaumont Enterprise Newspaper, Timberlake Cable TV and the KFDM Website. If you have a question about any postings for the school district, please call the superintendent's office at (409) 981-6400.</p> |
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Upcoming School Events

Thanksgiving Holidays November 25 - 27
 December 14 - 17 1st semester exams
 December 17 End of the second nine-weeks and 1st semester
 Christmas Holiday December 17 (early release) - January 5, 2010

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